RED HAT INC Form 4 October 17, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SZULIK MATTHEW

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O RED HAT, INC, 1801

VARSITY DRIVE

(City)

Common

Stock

(Street)

(State)

10/16/2006

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RED HAT INC [rhat]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/16/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Person

4. Securities Acquired

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\$0

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3.

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

87,500 A (1)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)

(D) or

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chariman/CEO/President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

(Instr. 3 and 4) 491,849 (2) (3) D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)				
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and				
					5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Common Stock	\$ 19.84	10/16/2006		A	250,000 (4)	<u>(4)</u>	10/16/2011	Common Stock	250,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsinps					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

SZULIK MATTHEW C/O RED HAT, INC 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

Chariman/CEO/President

Signatures

Emily Del Toro, Atty in fact UPOA 10/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock grant vesting over four years and subject to a right of repurchase by Red Hat, Inc.
- (2) Includes 16,273 shares held of record by the Matthew J. Szulik GRAT dated 5/26/99 for which the Reporting Person is the Trustee.
- (3) Also includes 72,000 shares held of record by trusts for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (4) This option is exercisable 6.25% on the first day of each subsequent three-month period following the date of grant.

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